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SUBJECT: SPACE AGREEMENT: VISIT OF NASA ADMINISTRATOR FLETCHER

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1. THER FOLLOWS TENTATIVE PROGRAM THAT WE HAVE WORKED OUT IN COORDINATION WITH INTERKOSMOS FOR FLETCHER VISIT. INTERKOSMOS WOULD APPRECIATE ERALY COMMENTS CONCERNING ACCEPTABILITY OR ANY DESIRED CHANGES.

2. SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

1725 ARRIVAL IN MOSCOW VIA SU-581

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9:

1000 MEETING WITH PRESIDENT KELDYSH

1300 LUNCHEON GIVEN BY SOVIETS IN HONOR OF DR. FLETCHER

1530 VISIT THE KREMLIN

1900 ATTEND BOLSHOE THEATER OR CIRCUS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

1030 VISIT FLIGHT CONTROL CENTER IN KALININGRAD

1300 LUNCH AT FLIGHT CONTROL CENTER

1500 LOOK IN ON PROGRESS OF JOINT ASTP WORKING

GROUPS AT INSTITUTE FOR SPACE RESEARCH

1830 RECEPTION AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE (SPASO

HOUSE) HOSTED BY CHARGE DUBS

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

1000 VISIT COSMONAUT TRAINING CENTER (STAR CITY)
1300 LUNCH AT STAR CITY
1600 VISIT SPACE PAVILION AT VDNKH
2000 DINNER GIVEN BY SOVIETS IN HONOR OF DR. FLETCHER
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
DEPARTURE FOR U.S.

3. KIRILLIN IS STILL ON VACATION, BUT HIS AIDES BELIEVE THAT HE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 11, OR POSSIBLY SEPTEMBER 10. THIS WILL BE CONFIRMED LATER AND INCLUDED APPROPRIATELY INTO ABOVE PROGRAM.

4. IT IS PLANNED THAT ALL U.S. MEMBERS OF THE ASTP WORKING GROUPS IN MOSCOW AT THE TIME, AS WELL AS THEIR SOVIET COUNTERPARTS, WILL BE INVITED TO SPASO RECEPTION.

ALTHOUGH IT IS THEORETICALLY POSSIBLE TO SHORTEN VISIT BY ONE DAY, (BY SUBSTITUTING KREMLIN VISIT BY INSTITUTE FOR SPACE RESEARCH ON MONDAY, AND VISITING BOTH KALININGRAD AND STAR CITY ON TUESDAY, FOR EXAMPLE), IT WOULD LEAD TO VERY TIGHT AND HECTIC PROGRAM OF VISIT AND TO EXCLUSION OF ANY MOSCOW SIGHTSEEING AND SOME SOVIET HOSPITALITY. SINCE THIS IS FLETCHER'S FIRST VISIT TO USSR, KELDYSH HAS INDICATED THROUGH INTERKOSMOS THAT HE WANTS VISIT TO RUN FLAWLESSLY AND TO GIVE FLETCHER CHANCE TO FULFILL SUBSTANTIVE PORTION OF VISIT AS WELL AS TO SAMPLE BOTH HOSPITALITY AND MOSCOW ATTRACTIONS. SLIGHT PROTOCOL PROBLEMS THEREFORE ARISES, BUT WE DO NOT REGARD THIS AS SERIOUS ELEMENT, SINCE FLETCHER MAY BE PRESSED FOR TIME, WHICH SOVIETS WILL FULLY UNDERSTAND. ANOTHER COMPLICATION IS THAT KIRILLIN MEETING MIGHT BE POSSIBLE ONLY ON SEPTEMBER 11. IF POSSIBLE, THEREFORE, WE WOULD RECOMMEND THREE-DAY VISIT. PLEASE ADVISE.

6. PRESIDENT KELDYSH HOPES THAT ADMINISTRATOR FLETCHER AND MR. FRUTKIN WILL ACCEPT HIS INVITATION TO BE HIS PERSONAL GUESTS DURING MOSCOW VISIT, WITH ALL LOCAL EXPENSES BEING PAID BY ACADEMY, INCLUDING HOTEL COSTS. PLEASE ADVISE.
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